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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tadashi KOJIMA

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

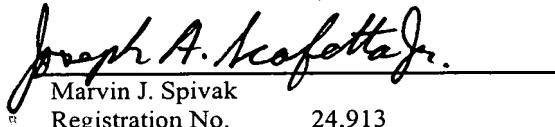
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 11-66576) on Form 1449:

After detecting a layer to change a packing density with the medium which owns more than one record stratum, it changes a record clock frequency. It doesn't prescribe a means of the detection of the record layer.

Reference AP (JP 11-25467) on Form 1449:

By the layer to replay with the medium which owns more than one record stratum, it changes a servo characteristic. It doesn't prescribe a means of the detection of the record layer.

Reference AQ (JP 10-334573) on Form 1449:

The way of identifying the optical disk of CD and DVD. It is not in the method which detects a multiple record layer the moment.